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TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: (A) SECTO 13015 (NODIS); (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 903;
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1. OUR INTERPRETATION OF STIPULATION RAISED BY FORNMIN CHISSANO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF A IS THAT THIS IS A REITERATION OF THE SAME POINT RAISED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND DURING THE VISIT OF SENATOR CLARK ON AUGUST 21 (REFS B AND C), AND IS A STIPULATION WITH WHICH WE ARE ALREADY IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE. FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CONGEN WALKER AND ACTING PO REED, BOTH OF WHOM BEGAN THEIR TOURS PRIOR TO THE LUSAKA ACCORD AND FORMATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1974, THE POST RETAINS FOUR OFFICERS. THREE, JWCBSSEN (NOV.'74), WETTERING (MAR.'75), AND OVERLY (JUNE '75), ARRIVED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PERIOD WHEN CHISSANO WAS PRIME MINISTER -- A TIME TECHNICALLY NOT THE "COLONIAL PERIOD". THE FOURTH, CLEE, ARRIVED PRIOR TO CREATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THUS CAN BE SAID TO HAVE SERVED IN THE "COLONIAL PERIOD".

2. THE FOLLOWING COURSES OF ACTION OFFER THEMSELVES: (A) SEEK
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NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION, SEND A CHARGE D'AFFAIRS AND FOLLOWING

HIS ARRIVAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES ROUTINELY INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE NEW EMBASSY STAFF LISTING THE FOUR OFFICERS ALREADY ON POST; (B) THE SAME, EXCEPT FIRST WITHDRAWING CLEE, THUS REMOVING THE ONE OFFICER WHO MIGHT BE REGARDED AS "TAINTED" BY HAVING ARRIVED BEFORE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED; (C) APPROACHING SHARFUDIN KHAN IN NEW YORK AND POINTING OUT TO HIM THAT WE ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH CHISSANO'S STIPULATION AND OBTAINING HIS REACTION OF THIS; (D) MAKING PLANS TO REMOVE ALL THE FOUR SERVING OFFICERS CURRENTLY IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

3. OF THESE OPTIONS, WE FAVOR 2(A) OR 2(B). WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED BY KHAN THAT WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF WALKER AND REED THE GPRM WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE REMAINING OFFICERS STAYING ON (REFS B AND C). BY REOPENING THIS SUBJECT WITH HIM IN ANY FURTHER "CLARIFICATION SESSION" MERELY (FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW) GIVES HIM AND THE GPRM ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE NEW DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FURTHER PERSONNEL.

4. WE NOTE THAT OFFICERS OF SEVERAL EMBASSIES INCLUDING THE SOVIETS, BRITISH, EAST GERMANS, AND OTHERS ARRIVED PRIOR TO JUNE 25 INDEPENDENCE -- I.E., DURING THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PHASE (ALBEIT IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES' CASES ONLY A FEW WEEKS BEFORE.)
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